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SUBJ: JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING, AGENDA ITEM 13,

EMOLUMENTS OF THE STAFF

REF: A) IAEA VIENNA 4766; B) STATE 13764

1. RE PARA 9, REF B, AGENCY DOCUMENT, GOV/1743, IN REPORTING ON EMOLUMENTS OF THE STAFF, NOTES: "SINCE 1967 THE CONSUMER'S PRICE INDEX 66 AND A WAGE INDEX FOR INDUSTRY, A COMPONENT OF THE TARIF-LOHN INDEX 66, BOTH PUBLISHED BY THE AUSTRIAN CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE, HAVE BEEN USED FOR THE INTERIM ADJUSTMENT OF THESE BRACKET MA AND O CLOSE BRACKET SALARY SCALES. BEGIN FOOTNOTE, PURSUANT TO THE BOARD'S DECISIONS SUMMARIZED IN DOCUMENTS GOV/DEC/48(X) UNDER NUMBER (24)(A) AND GOV/DEC/57(XXII) UNDER NUMBER (22). END FOOTNOTE. THE LAST INTERIM ADJUSTMENT, WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1974, TOOK ACCOUNT OF THE MOVEMENTS OF THOSE INDICES UP TO AUGUST 1974."

2. SINCE AUGUST 1974 THE INDICES HAVE CONTINUED TO MOVE UPWARDS. THE RISE IN THE AUSTRIAN CPI BETWEEN AUGUST UNCLASSIFIED

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1974 AND JANUARY 1975 WAS 6.4 (FROM 152.0 TO 158.4)

YIELDING A PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF 4.21 PERCENT. THE RISE IN THE TARIF-LOHN INDEX 66: WORKMAN'S COMPONENT, IN THE SAME PERIOD WAS 23.8 (FROM 207.7 TO 231.5. NOTE: THE PUBLISHED VALUE OF THIS LATTER FIGURE WAS 243.1. THAT VALUE INCLUDES AN INCREASE OF 5 PERCENT, WHICH RESULTS FROM THE REDUCTION OF OUTSIDE WORKING HOURS FROM 42 TO 40 FROM JANUARY 1, 1975, AND HAS THEREFORE BEEN ADJUSTED, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AUSTRIAN CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE, FOR THE AGENCY'S PURPOSE TO 231.5.) WHICH AMOUNTS TO AN 11.45 PERCENT INCREASE. GIVING EQUAL WEIGHT TO EACH PERCENTAGE INCREASE, THE AVERAGE PERCENTAGE INCREASE EQUALS 7.83 PERCENT.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE HIGHER INDEX FIGURE AND ITS HIGHER PERCENTAGE INCREASE FIGURE IS ON THE WAGE SIDE RATHER THAN THE CPI. THEREFORE, IF THE AGENCY RELIED EXCLUSIVELY ON THE SALARY INDEX THE INCREASE WOULD BE 3.62 PERCENT HIGHER, AND THE COST TO THE AGENCY'S BUDGET WOULD BE OVER \$100,000 RATHER THAN THE \$70,000 REPORTED REF A. THEREFORE, GIVEN THE EIGHT-YEAR HISTORY OF USING THE TWO INDICES FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR M AND O SALARY SCALES, AND THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS OF USING ONLY THE WAGE INDEX, MISSION REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT INCREASE AS STAZED REF A, PARA. 14.TAPE

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